

considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notices have been accepted for processing, they will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than January 10, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690:

1. *James A. Matthys*, Blue Grass, Iowa; to acquire an additional 4.8 percent, for a total of 26.1 percent, of the voting shares of APM Bancorp, Inc., Buffalo, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire Buffalo Savings Bank, Buffalo, Iowa.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 18, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank

indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 21, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *First Alamogordo Bancorp of Nevada, Inc.*, Reno, Nevada; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank of Alamogordo, Alamogordo, New Mexico, and the First National Bank of Ruidoso, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Kenneth R. Binning, Director, Bank Holding Company) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105:

1. *Westamerica Bancorporation*, San Rafael, California; to merge with and/or acquire 19.9 percent of the voting shares of ValliCorp Holdings, Inc., Fresno, California, and thereby indirectly acquire ValliWide Bank, Fresno, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 18, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the Federal Register.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION BETWEEN: 112596 AND 120696

Name of acquiring person, name of acquired person, name of acquired entity	PMN No.	Date terminated
Camerco Corporation, Magnox Electric plc., Power Resources Inc	97-0266	11/25/96
Pacific Electric Wire & Cable Co., Ltd.—a Taiwanese Co., Monaco Finance, Inc., Monaco Finance, Inc	97-0364	11/25/96
Thomas H. Lee Equity Fund III, L.P., Syratech Corporation, Syratech Corporation	97-0386	11/25/96
Senior Engineering Group, plc, Ketema, Inc., Ketema, Inc.	97-0389	11/25/96
J.J. Haines & Company, Inc., Independent Distributors, Inc., Independent Distributors, Inc.	97-0391	11/25/96
Wolters Kluwer nv, The Atlantic Foundation, Blessing/White Inc	97-0394	11/25/96
Fiskars Oy Ab, Alterra Holdings Corporation, Alterra Holdings Corporation	97-0395	11/25/96
Universal Outdoor Holdings, Inc., William B. Tanner, Tanner Peck LLC and TOA Enterprises	97-0397	11/25/96
Southgard Corporation, Tosco Corporation, Tosco Corporation	97-0402	11/25/96
Smit Internationale NV, SEACOR Holdings, Inc., SEACOR Holdings, Inc	97-0406	11/25/96